

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 24, 2007 has been reviewed, and the comments of the U.S. Patent Office have been considered. Claims 11-19 have been canceled.

Claims 1-10 and 20-24 stand rejected over U.S. Patent No. 6,579,253 based on obviousness type double patenting. In response, Applicants submit the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

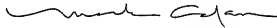
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Application and the prompt allowance of at least claims 1-10 and 20-24.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3840. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

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